

FIRES SHOTS AT WIFE AND THEN ENDS OWN LIFE

Driven to desperation by marital difficulties and sensing humiliation because of the insanity charge brought against him by his wife, from which he was cleared at a hearing in the county court Tuesday evening, Thomas H. Hampton, aged 60 years, retired lumberman, ended his life yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock by firing a bullet from a 32 caliber revolver through his brain.

Previous to taking his own life Mr. Hampton fired two shots at his wife, one inflicting a slight flesh wound on the under side of her right arm. The other bullet went wild.

The tragedy occurred at the Hampton home, 39 High street.

Mr. Hampton told friends yesterday that he felt deeply humiliated by the charge of mental unsoundness, and his sensitiveness on this score was probably intensified by deafness, which prevented him from freely discussing the matter and from easily hearing the views expressed by his neighbors and friends.

According to William S. Pemberton, of San Francisco, his brother-in-law who was with him all day yesterday, Mrs. Hampton called up before the tragedy and asked Mr. Pemberton, who answered the phone, if she could speak to her husband.

Mr. Hampton expressed willingness to talk to her and took the receiver.

"You have a nerve to call me up after what you tried to do last night," were his first words, Mr. Pemberton says. From one side of the conversation, the listener gathered that Mrs. Hampton said she was coming to get her clothes and personal belongings.

Mr. Hampton told her to come and get them. "Get all of them," he said, "and stay away from here, hereafter."

When he had hung up the receiver he turned to his brother-in-law and said: "I don't think she'll dare to come here."

"What makes you say that," asked his companion.

"I don't think she'll have the nerve to face me after what she tried to do last night. (He referred to the insanity hearing.)"

When Mrs. Hampton arrived, accompanied by Mrs. K. G. Cummings, Mr. Hampton was lying down. Mr. Pemberton refused to let his wife into the bedroom to see him. The women sat down on the porch and Pemberton went to the rear of the house.

So suddenly that his wife believes he must have crept noiselessly on tip-toe, Mr. Hampton appeared and without saying anything fired the two shots at his wife.

His dog, lying on the floor by Mrs. Hampton, probably saved its master from murder. He sensed his master's presence first and the love of years of constant association set his tail to thumping happily. The noise caused Mrs. Hampton to look up. The leveled gun, the woman's terrified attempt to rise, the pressure on the trigger, all came in the same flash. It is probable that had not the dog's greeting warned her and caused her to turn as the shot came, the bullet would have gone into her body. As it was it passed between her arm and side, inflicting a slight flesh wound on the arm.

The noise of the shots brought Pemberton forth to grapple with his brother-in-law. As he seized him the women fled. Pemberton forced Hampton back into the house striving to get the gun.

As they struggled Mr. Hampton told all that will ever be told of the tragedy's cause. He said that he woke from sleep, apparently in a delirium, and hearing his wife's voice, he rushed forth not knowing what he intended to do.

Finally, as they struggled, Hampton gave Pemberton a shove. The latter had a badly fractured leg a year ago, and the weak member betrayed him. As he stumbled and relinquished his hold, Hampton dodged into the inner room, slam-

\$15,000 Damages Asked for Injury

Ivan Lee Humphrey, a minor, today filed suit in the circuit court, asking \$15,150 damages from the Sprague River Lumber company for alleged injuries received while in the employ of the corporation. Plaintiff claims he was operating a windlass at the time he was hurt, and because of the improper construction and negligence of defendants the accident occurred. As plaintiff is a minor, the court has been asked to appoint R. B. Humphrey, his father, guardian ad litem.

One Hundred More Pheasants Are on The Way to Klamath

One hundred more young pheasants have been shipped from the state game farm in Lane county, for distribution here, according to a wire received today by W. W. McNeally, secretary of the Klamath sportsmen's association. The birds will probably be here tomorrow night.

The bulk of the shipment will be distributed in the vicinity of Midland and north of there, said Mr. McNeally. A dozen or 15 pairs will be saved for distribution among persons who desire to start a back yard game farm. Applications for pairs have been received from Fort Klamath, Pelican Bay, and other points, including this city.

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS HE HAS KING'S SUPPORT

LONDON, July 29.—Premier Lloyd George today made statement in the house of commons, authorized by the king's declaring that Lord Northcliffe's statement in Washington, in which the noted publisher quoted the ruler as censuring the premier's Irish policy, was a complete fabrication.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Saturday fair; moderate westerly winds.

med the deer, and putting the revolver against the base of his skull, behind the right ear, fired the shot that ended his life.

Those who knew Tom Hampton closely cannot conceive of him in the role of a slayer. He had a nature that could not bear to inflict pain. His friends prefer to believe that half-wakened from a nightmare of pain and humiliation, without premeditation and still guided by the troubled thought of sleep, he rushed forth, as he said, in sleep's delirium, not knowing what he was attempting to do. Wakened into full consciousness by the shots, sensing the full horror of his act, he shrank from the further prosecution he saw impending and took the short way out.

Today was the dead man's sixtieth birthday and in anticipation of a celebration he had purchased materials for a little feast, at which his brother-in-law, Mr. Pemberton, a friend from boyhood was to have been his guest. During yesterday he referred to plans for today's festivity, and showed no inkling of a lurking feeling that another day would not dawn for him.

The Hamptons had been married for 28 years, and until lately their relations were apparently congenial. They came here from Canton, Missouri, about 14 years ago. They had no children. The dead man is survived by the following brothers and sisters:

Mrs. James Wiseman of Canton, Missouri; Mrs. Susan Allen of Portland; Mrs. W. S. Pemberton of San Francisco; Mrs. Ackley of Sioux City, Iowa; and a brother, William Hampton of Los Angeles.

Mr. Hampton was interested in the timber industry with K. O. Cummings, during the first years of his residence here. At the hearing Wednesday it developed that the estimated values of his property was between \$40,000 and \$60,000. This was brought out in Mrs. Hampton's statement that she had asked him to deed half the property to her and that he had refused to do so. Arrangements for the funeral await the endorsement of relatives of the decedent. It is probable that the body may be cremated either in Portland or San Francisco.

HAS NEW PLAN FOR HANDLING GRAZING LAND

Herold Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 29.—Secretary of the Interior Fall is to introduce a revolutionary method of handling all the grazing land still left in the public domain if congress will give him the authority.

Several millions of acres of lands have been passed by as a unit for agriculture or timber purposes and much of it can never be irrigated under any possible circumstances. Much of this land has no tree growth, but at times has a fairly good grass or pasture crop.

Poor Land at Best

The practice for the last few years has been to secure through congress passage of various bills adding certain large tracts of public land to contiguous forest reserves. Once in the forest reserves they can never be taken out again except by congressional action, and this course has led to the inclusion of thousands of acres of bald lands in the forest areas that can never be reforested and are quite incapable of timber growth. The reason for their inclusion in the forest areas was to secure the privilege of regulated grazing permits for this purpose being issued through the office of the chief forester and the secretary of agriculture.

Inasmuch as the control of all public lands is placed in the hands of the secretary of the interior, Secretary Fall proposes to end the practice of including thousands of acres and to timbered lands in forest areas and to issue permits for grazing on such lands through the land department. The bill to effect this has been sent to Chairman Slinnott of the house committee on public lands, who will introduce it today and later hold hearings before his committee on the desirability of granting the interior department the authority desired.

Conflict May Result

This is the last wholesale action which can be taken in the disposal of public domain, as under present laws the details of all other uses of public lands are provided for. This action on the part of the secretary of the interior is likely to precipitate conflict between the conservationists of the more radical type and those who wish to have the public domain utilized.

Land which is unfit in its present condition for raising any crops other than grass or forage, and which cannot be irrigated except at unreasonable cost, may be thrown into large grazing units and leased by the secretary of the interior for periods of ten years, local men now using the lands to have the preference. Where the annual rainfall exceeds ten inches the rainfall to be charged by the secretary for these permits is fixed at 1 cent per annum per acre, and where the annual rainfall is less than ten inches the rental shall be one-half of 1 cent per annum per acre. The money shall be paid into the land office where the land is located, and one-half of same shall go into the reclamation fund of the United States and the other half of the highway fund of the state where the land is located.

To Hold Hearings.

Congressman Slinnott expects to hold hearings on this measure about September 1, and expects that there will be a great deal of interest in the proposal to regulate grazing on all the unappropriated public domain. In all permits to be issued under this grazing law the mineral and coal rights are specifically reserved and the prospecting mining and removal of minerals is provided for under existing laws.

MAN KILLS WOMAN, AND SHOTS SELF.

PORTLAND, July 29.—Mrs. Anna Baird, aged 43, was shot and instantly killed today by George Shepard, a carpenter, who turned the weapon on himself, inflicting fatal wounds. Both died within five minutes after the shots were fired. The woman's friends say that Shepard was infatuated with Mrs. Baird, who rejected his attentions.

SUES COUNTY AS ARBITERS' AWARD FAILS

Alleging that the Klamath county court entered into agreement to submit road litigation to an arbitration board and abide by the findings of the arbitrators, but that when the findings were completed, the county court refused to abide by them or to pay the money award made to himself, Con Curtin, rancher on the Merrill highway, yesterday filed suit in the circuit court to enforce the acceptance of the arbitration boards award.

A similar proceeding, it is understood, will be filed today by Robt. Cheyne, another of several litigants against the county, who submitted their claims to arbitration. J. H. Carnahan is representing plaintiffs.

In the Curtin suit plaintiff alleges he was awarded \$6,267 by the board, consisting of Charles Loomis and Fred Buesing for damages to his land and from trespass, and on other claims involved in the controversy. In his counter-suit against Klamath county for damages, following the condemnation suit instituted by the county to secure a right of way for the highway, Curtin asked damages aggregating \$9,654.24. The litigation has been in the circuit court since June 18, 1920, when the county court filed the condemnation action.

The findings of the arbitration board were filed with the county clerk April 14, 1921.

BIG DRAINAGE CONTRACT LET

It became known today through an announcement by the Wocus Drainage district officers, that a contract for the cutting of ten miles of drainage and irrigation ditches on the Wocus marsh had been made to J. E. Funk, a Stockton ditching contractor. This work will complete the drainage of 4900 acres of the Wocus marsh lands, seven miles of outside dykes having been built and two large pumps having been installed last fall.

The ten miles of ditches which were contracted for this week by the Wocus drainage district will enable the ground to be put in shape for farming this fall. According to the report, Geary brothers, main owners of the marsh lands, will sow a large area of the newly reclaimed land in fall wheat this year.

Wocus marsh directly joins the Caledonia marsh lands which are becoming famous for their adaptability for mint culture.

Former Klamath Attorney Is Dead

Word has been received by friends here of the death at his home in Los Angeles, July 8, of Judge Herbert D. Gale, former Klamath Falls attorney. Death came suddenly, after three hours illness. For several years Judge Gale had not been in the best of health but was able to keep up his practice.

During his residence in Klamath Falls, which covered a period of years, Judge Gale was associated with C. F. Stone in law practice.

Motor Clinic Will Visit Cal. Indians

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 29.—A motor clinic in charge of Dr. J. W. Culp, who is connected with the United States bureau of Indian affairs, and comprising in its membership a dentist, two state board of health nurses provided by the bureau of tuberculosis, a chauffeur and a cook, has left for work among the Indians in Modoc, Shastan, Lassen and Shasta Counties of northern California. A report of a survey by Dr. Allen F. Gillihan, district health officer, during the spring months, which described much illness and poverty among the Indians, led to the sending of the traveling clinic.

I. C. C. Equalizes Grain Haul Rate

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The interstate commission has ordered interstate freight rates on grains and products from Columbia River basin points to Seattle, Tacoma and other Pacific ports, increased to the level in effect on similar interstate traffic, despite the refusal of the Washington state public service commission to act in the matter. The order is effective September 28th.

Treasury Empowered To Deal With Allies On Debt Question

WASHINGTON, July 29.—A favorable report on the administration bill giving the treasury blanket authority to conduct negotiations for refunding allied debts, was ordered by the senate finance committee, with an amendment requiring the complete refunding within five years. Secretary Mellon, told the committee that Wilson's administration committed the government to a postponement of interest for 2 to 3 years and to a subsequent spreading out of postponed payments, provided the allied governments carried satisfactory funding.

Allied debts with interest now total over nine million dollars. The United States government has no intention of accepting bonds other than those of debtor countries.

Catalogs Hundred Sorts of Microbs

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 29.—One hundred and twenty three new varieties of microscopic organisms have been catalogued here in a monograph by Charles A. Knoll, professor of zoology and assistant director of the Scripps institution for biological research, and Dr. Olive Swezy, research assistant, both connected with the University of California.

A number of the organisms are said to be of the species which cause the phosphorescence so frequently observed on the ocean from Southern California beach resorts. The minute beings, living from the surface of the sea to depths of a thousand feet, were captured by fine silk bolting cloth nets. All are simple cells of definite structure and color, it is said, and die very quickly when exposed to the concentrated light under the microscope.

Mass. Foresters Coming Tonight

The Massachusetts Forestry association consisting of some 40 members will arrive here tonight enroute from Crater lake. The tour is being made under the auspices of the American Railway Express company and is being personally conducted by O. Heyl. The tourists will stop at the White Pelican hotel where reservations have been made for them. The western tour is an annual event for members of the association.

Shipping Agents Unite, 40 Members

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 29.—Shipping problems confronting steamship lines now plying in and out of Los Angeles harbor will hereafter be threshed out through the Los Angeles Steamship Agents' Association just organized here consisting of representative of forty odd steamship lines operating in the harbor. Particular attention at first, it is said, will be given by the association to the problems of standardizing and making uniform all local wharfage and handling charges at the port.

WOULD HAVE GOVT. BUILD PACIFIC CABLE

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Government construction of the trans-Pacific cable, if private interests are unwilling to undertake it, is recommended by Secretary of state Hughes and approved by President Harding in letters, it was made public today by Senator Jones of Washington. Allocation to the United States of the former German cable between Guam and Yap is probable, said Mr. Hughes.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR ROAD BONDS AWARDED

PORTLAND, July 29.—The state highway commission sold \$2,000,000 worth of five and one-half per cent bonds to John E. Price, and E. H. Rollins and Sons, for a premium of \$2,940.

The commission selected the Rockaway route for the Roseburg to Coos Bay highway, and deferred action on the Shedd-Halsey section of the Pacific highway.

The contract for grading 16.3 miles of the La Pine to Lakeview road, was let for \$7,074.

Unit number two from Pauline prairie to the Klamath line, nine miles, was let for \$11,948.

A number of bids on different projects remain to be considered today.

The commission decided to open bids next month for 18 miles of grading on the Roseburg-Coos highway between Roseburg and Carnas hill. The Pacific highway for five miles between Wolk Creek and Grove Creek will be widened from 16 feet to 20.

The contract for 2.7 miles of highway between Cummings Hill and Fossil was awarded to D. P. Murphy and company for \$35,132.

Paving of a half-mile section of the Pacific highway through Oakland was awarded to the United Construction company for \$12,075.00. 2.7 miles between Shedd and Halsey to A. D. Kern for \$37,131.00. Road work is to be hurried in Multnomah county.

Harding Joins So. Cal. Yacht Club

BALBOA BEACH, Cal., July 29.—The Newport Bay Yacht Club, the sixth largest organization of its kind in the United States, with a fleet of more than 100 boats, numbers among its latest members, President Warren G. Harding and Secretary of the Navy Denby. Acceptance of formal invitations to join was recently communicated by the two men to Commodore Claude G. Putnam of the club, the headquarters of which are at East Newport, above Balboa, in a recently dredged and reclaimed channel.

This channel, which now permits the entrance of sea-going vessels into the landlocked harbor, will be the scene of a gigantic aquatic program should the president and Secretary Denby, now life members of the club, visit the Pacific coast, for in this event, the two government officials said, they would visit the club during their stay in Los Angeles.

Cal. Counties Work For Senator Each

REDDING, Cal., July 29.—Decision to work for one state senator from each county of California, rather than adhere to the present system of senatorial districts, was reached at a meeting of the executive board of the Northern California counties association held recently at Weaver-ville.

The association endorsed the proposition before the last session of the legislature, and now is determined to initiate the measure for the next election. The matter, it was decided, will be pressed at the next meeting of the United Chambers of Commerce of the Sacramento valley.

U. S. WANTS NO SEPARATE PARLEY'S

WASHINGTON, July 29.—It was indicated today that the United States would reject any suggestion for separate parleys with any power who have been invited to the disarmament conference. It is estimated that one nation at least has suggested the advisability of such a partial conference.

DISCOUNT RATE LOWER

CHICAGO, July 29.—The Chicago federal reserve bank today announced the lowering of the discount rate from six and one-half to six per cent.